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## NOT FOR MR. MILLS.

### HE DECLINES TO TAKE SECOND PLACE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

The Correspondence Between Him and the Speaker Made Public—Mr. Mills' Reasons for Declining the Speaker's Offer.

Some of Mr. Mills' close friends assert positively that he has been tendered by the Speaker and has declined the second place on the Committee on Ways and Means, with the chairmanship of another important committee. The Speaker, feeling that the matter is not proper for discussion at this juncture, declines to say anything upon the subject, and Mr. Mills is equally reticent at present, although it may be that the correspondence will be made public hereafter. It is quite certain that pressure is being brought to bear upon the Speaker by persons not heretofore identified with Mr. Mills' aspirations to cause his appointment to the chairmanship of the Ways and Means Committee. As far as can be learned, the Speaker has not yet committed himself to the appointment of any member to this chairmanship, and as Mr. Mills' reply to his tender is said to be couched in such terms as to warrant the assumption that he would not reject the place, the entire matter appears to be still subject to harmonious arrangement.

The Speaker yesterday said that he expected to be able to announce the committee appointments when the House meets next Wednesday. The following is the text of the correspondence between Speaker Crisp and Representative Mills in regard to the latter's committee service:

SPEAKER'S ROOM,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18, 1891.  
Hon. R. Q. Mills, City:  
My DEAR SIR: Having been too much engaged to call upon you, and being now about to enter upon the work of constituting the House committees, I drop you a line to know if it would be agreeable or acceptable to you to be appointed second on the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to such assignment to be appointed chairman of the Committee on Commerce and Postroads or chairman of some committee whose work is less laborious than Commerce or Postroads. Would be glad to have a reply at your earliest convenience as I desire to make up and announce the committee in a few days. With great respect I am, sincerely yours,  
CHARLES F. CRISP.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
UNITED STATES,  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 19, 1891.  
Honorable Charles F. Crisp, Speaker House of Representatives.

My DEAR SIR: I have received your letter of the 18th instant, asking me, "if it would be agreeable or acceptable" to me "to be appointed second on the Committee on Ways and Means and in addition to such assignment to be appointed chairman of the Committee on Commerce, or chairman of the Committee on Postoffice and Postroads, or chairman of some committee whose work is less laborious than Commerce or Postroads." Having been a member of the Committee on Ways and Means for ten years and chairman in the Fifty-third Congress, the reasons which have in your judgment rendered my appointment as a chairman unwise, would disqualify me for service in any other place on that committee, and it would not be sincere to say that it would be agreeable to accept your tender. I leave to you, without any suggestion from me, to make such other assignment as you, in the discharge of your official duty, may determine. Yours truly,  
R. Q. MILLS.

## THE SPEAKER EMPOWERED

### To Appoint Committees—New Rule Adopted by the House.

The House Committee on Rules held a brief meeting yesterday and subsequently reported, and the House adopted a rule empowering the Speaker to appoint the committees of the last House, with the following changes: The membership of the Committee on Ways and Means increased from thirteen to fifteen members; the Quadro Centennial Committee, from nine to eleven members, and its designation changed to the Committee on the Columbian Exposition. The Committee on Indian Depredation Claims to be dispensed with, those claims having been referred to the courts. The name of the Committee on Commerce is changed to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce. The method of designating the chairman of any committee was changed in this: Formerly, in the event of the death of a chairman, the second member succeeded to the office. This was changed by giving the appointment of the chairman to the Speaker.

### Opposition to Crisp Approved.

AUGUSTA, Ga., Dec. 19.—A special to the Chronicle from Thomson, Ga., the home of Congressman Thomas E. Watson, says about sixty farmers from McDuffie and Columbia Counties answered a call for a meeting to endorse Watson's course in opposing Crisp for Speaker, and in refusing to affiliate with the Democratic party. Resolutions condemning the Democratic and Republican parties and endorsing Watson's action were unanimously passed.

### Musical Circles Delighted.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—Considerable favorable comment has been occasioned in musical circles owing to the fact that the Queen is displaying renewed interest in musical matters. In addition to concerts, the Queen has commanded that special recitals by all the new lights in the musical world shall be given at Windsor upon her return from Osborne House after the Christmas holidays.

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## A SECRET MEETING.

### Notable Gathering of Republican Leaders and League Workers.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—A notable gathering of Republican leaders from all over the West took place to-day at the Grand Pacific. What was done at a secret conference which lasted from morning till evening is best known to those who were present, but they are very reticent. Among the most notable men who either took an active part in the deliberation or awaited the results in the corridors, were J. S. Clarkson, of Iowa, chairman of the National Committee and president of the National League of Clubs; ex-Congressman A. L. Conner, of Ohio, member of the National Committee; ex-United States Senators Sabin, of Minnesota, and Spooner, of Wisconsin; General Russell Alger, and A. M. Jones, chairman of the Illinois State Committee. Also presidents of the State Leagues of Missouri, Ohio, Indiana, Wisconsin, Kansas, Nebraska, Illinois and Michigan, and secretaries of about an equal number of State Leagues.

Among the matters discussed at the secret sessions were the preparation and circulation of political literature and disbursement of League funds from Chicago as well as from New York. The representatives of the Western clubs expressed themselves as desirous of making their clubs more of a factor in the work of the National League. The work has heretofore been entirely controlled in the East. Mr. Clarkson was authorized to appoint a committee to prepare such literature for distribution as should deal partially with the arguments advanced by the various farmers' organizations and all who do not hold orthodox Republican views.

## JUDGE BLODGETT TO RESIGN.

### Another United States Judgeship for the President to Fill.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—President Harrison will probably be called on to fill a vacancy on the Federal District Court bench for Northern Illinois as well as that left vacant by the promotion of Judge Woods, of Indiana.

"It has been suggested to me by gentlemen interested in the projected life insurance company that I could have the presidency of the company if the project went through," said Judge Blodgett to-day, "and I have decided to accept the proposition provided sufficient money is raised to organize the company. Nothing has as yet been definitely decided upon, and it is merely in the air, as it were, that the company will be organized. If it is organized and everything is satisfactory to me I shall resign from the bench to accept the position."

The new company with which the judge is said to be willing to cast his fortunes is the Illinois Insurance Company, which was recently organized with a capital stock of \$1,000,000 and incorporated by a number of well-known and wealthy men, so that there seems to be little doubt that it will soon begin business with Judge Blodgett at its head.

## SHOT HER WEARY LOVER.

### A Thrilling Tragedy in a Philadelphia Railway Station.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 19.—Mrs. Josephine Smith, 25 years old, of 419 North Thirty-third street, this afternoon shot and instantly killed in the Powelton Avenue Station of the Pennsylvania Railroad, John Hobbs, of 3162 Baring street. The woman was at once arrested, taken before a magistrate and committed to prison by him to await the action of the coroner. As yet the police have been unable to discover the cause that induced the woman to kill Hobbs, but the supposition is that they had been intimate and that Hobbs was weary of her. The couple were first noticed standing together this afternoon at the corner of Thirty-first and Spring Garden streets. For fully an hour they stood upon the corner engaged in conversation, and from their demeanor were evidently quarreling. Finally Hobbs left the woman and walked a square down Thirty-first street to Powelton Avenue Station. Mrs. Smith followed him and the quarrel was renewed in the station. As Hobbs was about to step from the platform upon the steps of a train, the woman drew a revolver and shot him in the back of the head. The bullet pierced his brain and he fell, dying almost instantly. After the shooting the woman coolly handed her revolver over to an officer, and without any remark accompanied him to the station-house. When brought before a magistrate she declined to make any statement regarding the shooting.

Mrs. Smith's maiden name was Mallison, and she was the daughter of a wealthy mill owner of the city. Some four years ago she gained considerable notoriety by running away with and marrying a phenologist and fortune-teller known as "Prof." James, but whose real name was William James Smith. Mrs. Smith lived with her husband but a short time. Since leaving him she has only seen him at long intervals.

## Telegraphic Briefs.

Judge Tourgee is likely to recover from the grip.

Croton-on-the-Hudson was nearly destroyed by fire.

Navigation on the Delaware and Raritan Canal has closed.

Starvation is compelling striking coal miners in Indiana to go to work.

Miss Geraldine Morgan, the American violinist, is en route from Berlin to make her debut in New York shortly after her arrival in that city.

Among the Americans now sojourning in the German capital are Mrs. Barrett, of Newport; Mrs. and Miss Roberts, of Philadelphia; and the Misses Jackson and Parker, of Washington.

Chairman Clarkson, of the National Republican Committee, says there is no hope of his party winning in Iowa so long as they cling to the unpopular issue of prohibition.

The Pennsylvania Railroad has inaugurated a through Pullman sleeping car service via that system and its connections from New York and Philadelphia to San Francisco.

## BI-METALLISTS ARE WEAK.

### THE SILVER QUESTION IS OF LITTLE IMMEDIATE INTEREST.

Upon Developments at Washington Depend Germany's and England's Action—American Agent Seligman Was so Informed by the German Chancellor

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BERLIN, Dec. 19.—The debates in the Reichstag have disclosed the weakness of the supporters of bi-metalism.

Count Merbach and Baron Kardorff alluded to the question of the remonetization of silver as intimately connected with the grain tariffs, but the house concurred in the opinion expressed by Chancellor von Caprivi, who said it was superfluous to discuss the topic.

The attitude of the Government upon the question of bi-metalism was one of waiting. When Mr. William Seligman, who was sent to Europe as a representative of the United States Treasury Department for the purpose of arranging for the holding of an international conference to secure the establishment of a common ratio of value between gold and silver, was here sounding the Government, Chancellor von Caprivi stated that the action of Germany and England would depend upon the currency developments at Washington.

Herr Miquel, the Imperial Minister of Finance, is a strong gold partisan. Secretary von Marshall, although a strong bi-metalist, will only act conjointly with England for the discussion of the subject. As no movement has been taken by England in the meantime it is probable that the Government is disposed to consider the silver question as one of little immediate interest.

The resumption of specie payments in Austria-Hungary on a gold basis is reported to be imminent. The treasury already holds 150,000,000 florins in gold, and the total amount required to effect the resumption is 250,000,000. A part of this sum can be met by the retention by the Government of a portion of the notes now in circulation.

## STARTLING ALLEGATIONS

### In Suits to Prevent the Consummation of the "Big Three" Contract.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—The Supreme Court of New Jersey had rendered a decision sustaining the action of the directors of the United States Yards Company, of this city, in granting certain commissions to the big packers—Armour, Swift, and Morris, in return for which the latter agreed to remain where they are instead of moving to Tolleston, as they were preparing to do. This decision settles for once and all the controversy between the stockholders and the large packers.

Immediately after the rendition of the decision steps were taken to consummate the contract, but barely had the decree been rendered when fourteen new suits were instituted. Chancellor McGill, of New Jersey, to-day re-entered an enjoining order restraining the parties to the contract from consummating it. The new suits make startling allegations and promise to develop a revelation in the administration of New Jersey justice.

## A ROCKER FOR LITTLE RUTH.

### An Interesting Christmas Gift, With Compliments of the Season.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 19.—The following letter was sent from here this evening to Mr. Grover Cleveland:

"Hon. Grover Cleveland, Lakewood, N. J.  
"DEAR SIR: We forward to your address by express this day a child's rocking chair, made from timber from the door of the old 'log cabin' home of General U. S. Grant, in this county, for presentation to your little daughter, Ruth?"

"This idea of this gift emanated in our board. The lumber was procured and the work designed and executed by our members."

Sincerely hoping that little Ruth may pass safely through the many physical trials to which childhood is invariably subjected, and believing that when she has happily entered the gateway of womanhood, she will fully appreciate the spirit of 'peace on earth, good-will to men,' which prompts this small gift, we wish the little maid, her mother, and her father a 'Merry Christmas,' and remain, 'Very respectfully, the St. Louis Furniture Board of Trade.

"R. E. LASHER, President.  
"GEORGE T. PARKER, Secretary."

## The Trenton Battle Monument.

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 19.—The exercises incident to the laying of the corner-stone of the Trenton Battle Monument will take place December 26, the 115th anniversary of the battle considered as the turning point in the war of the revolution. Governor Abbott will lay the corner-stone and deliver an address. United States Senator McPherson, ex-Governor Green, ex-Secretary of the Navy Robson, General William J. Sewell, and Adjutant General William S. Striker, of New Jersey, and several others will also speak.

## The Farmers Are Jubilant.

OTTAWA, Ill., Dec. 19.—The test of the methods of inoculation employed by the Government Bureau of Animal Industry and the Frank S. Billings' method has so far advanced that the results are published. The farmers in numbers who have been watching the experiments with a great deal of interest, were jubilant over the results, and are hopeful that the Government method of inoculation marks an epoch in the history of hog raising.

Do you use Beer at your home? If so, try a case of Apollo, brewed by the Bartholomay Brewing Company of Rochester, N. Y. They guarantee it pure and of six months' maturity. It will aid the digestion of your Xmas dinner. Delivered to any part of the city. Try a box. Telephone No. 441.

## FRANCE FEELS INSULTED.

### Expulsion of a French Journalist Leads to Mischief.

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BERLIN, Dec. 19.—The view taken in official circles here of the quarrel between France and Bulgaria, arising out of the refusal of the authorities of the latter country to allow a journalist named Chadouine, who was recently expelled from Bulgaria, to return, is that it will result in mischief.

A dispatch was received yesterday evening from the German embassy at Constantinople containing the substance of the protest made to the Grand Vizier by M. Cambon, the French Ambassador at Constantinople, in which M. Ribot, the French Foreign Minister, accuses the Bulgarian Government, beside the illegal expulsion of M. Chadouine, with insulting the French agent, M. Lenel, by setting a police watch upon his residence and, upon one occasion, with arresting M. Lenel himself by mistake, as the agent was entering his offices. M. Lenel appears to have been suspected of secretly giving assistance to the Russo-Bulgarians who were implicated in military plots against the Government.

M. Ribot contends that Bulgaria, under the capitulations of the Berlin treaty, ought to have applied to M. Lenel for permission to arrest M. Chadouine, and that the Porte must now insist that Bulgaria shall apologize and rescind the order of expulsion issued against M. Chadouine, and thus wipe out by a public, official recognition the insult to the French agent. The Grand Vizier immediately upon receipt of the protest communicated with the government at Sofia and received a prompt reply. In this answer the authorities at Sofia expressed regret that the incident had arisen, but declared that they would adhere to their right to expel M. Chadouine.

The Bulgarian agent at Constantinople, in communications addressed to the German and Austrian embassies, couched in the most cordial terms, asserted that his government has strong proof that the French residency has been made the focus of plots against M. Stambuloff, the Bulgarian Prime Minister.

The expulsion of M. Chadouine is but a minor accident among frequent collisions between M. Lenel and the Bulgarian Ministers. In relation to the question of a breach of the capitulations of the Berlin treaty, the opinion expressed in diplomatic circles is entirely against M. Ribot.

It is not expected that the French Foreign Minister will venture to refer the dispute to the Berlin treaty powers. He will probably bully Bulgaria in order to please Russia and keep the quarrel standing open until an opportune moment shall arrive for the beginning of active hostilities.

## WILD EXCITEMENT

### Over Secretary Noble's Decision as to Oklahoma Town Sites.

GUTHRIE, OKLAHOMA, Dec. 19.—The wild excitement prevailed all night over Secretary Noble's decision, giving 150 acres more to the town sites. Thousands of people staked lots and slept on the cold ground all night and this morning 3,000 people are on the ground. Many quarrels are taking place between old settlers and new claimants and serious trouble will ensue. Five hundred negroes, many of them armed, are now jumping lots and stealing fences, and unless they can be stopped at once there will be shooting before night.

## Fatal Fall of a House.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 19.—The residence occupied by a family named Krenze was blown over by the wind this morning and Mrs. Krenze, her daughters, Amanda and Dottie, her son Otto, and three workmen were buried in the ruins. One workman was killed and the others probably fatally injured. Mrs. Krenze and her daughters sustained a number of bruises. The boy escaped unhurt. The house was standing on scufflings, having been raised to allow another story to be built on the ground floor.

## Murder at a Fair.

POTTSVILLE, Pa., Dec. 19.—David Quinn, aged 23 years, was stabbed to-night by Hal Shaw, aged 18, and died ten minutes later. The stabbing occurred at Centennial Hall, where the Knights of Pythias fair is being held. Quinn's sister complained to him that she had been insulted by Shaw. Quinn accosted Shaw on the subject, a quarrel ensued and Shaw drawing a dagger, plunged it twice into Quinn's breast. Shaw escaped, but in all probability will be in custody before morning.

## Cause of a Fatal Explosion.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Dec. 19.—A boiler in use by stone contractors near the new Baldwin Theatre exploded, killing Engineer Philip Davis, Assistant Engineer Robert Baer, and fatally wounding George Crews, laborer. The explosion was caused by turning a stream of cold water into the boiler, which was hot and almost empty.

## News Notes.

The Senate will be in session to-morrow.

Government receipts yesterday \$449,244.

The House has adjourned until next Wednesday.

C. W. Bentley, jr., was yesterday appointed postmaster at Bentley Springs, Md.

The amount of 41 per cent. bonds redeemed to date \$2,323,550, leaving outstanding \$3,162,150.

Virginia postmasters appointed: W. E. Towers, at Cuscutilla; C. B. Wilson, Hickory Grove.

Introduction of bills and resolutions in the House will not begin until after the holiday recess.

The only business to be transacted in the House next Wednesday will be in reference to the holiday recess resolution and the announcement of committees by the Speaker.

Director of the Mint Leach says arrangements have been perfected for the striking of half dollar, quarter dollar, and ten-cent silver pieces of the new designs at Philadelphia, San Francisco, and New Orleans, beginning on the 2d proximo.

## BLOODY RIOT IN BRAZIL.

### SIXTY PERSONS REPORTED KILLED AND WOUNDED.

Sharp Fighting Between the Populace and Soldiers in Pernambuco—Order Restored as Soon as an Unpopular Governor Resigned Office.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—A dispatch received this evening from Pernambuco states that a popular uprising occurred in that city to-day against the governor of the province. The streets quickly filled with throngs of riotous people and it was found necessary to call out the troops to quell the disorder. The officers in command of the soldiers, seeing that no other means would avail, gave the order to fire upon the mob, and sharp fighting followed. It is reported that sixty persons were killed or wounded during the conflict between the populace and the soldiers.

The dispatch also states that the governor of the province, seeing that the disorder would continue so long as he remained in office, resigned his position and quiet was almost immediately restored.

After the restoration of order the members of the Junta were cheered by the people as they passed along the streets.

## A REVOLUTION.

RIO JANEIRO, Dec. 19.—News was received here to-day that a revolution has broken out in Espirito Santo, one of the maritime provinces of Brazil, and that the insurgents had succeeded in deposing the vice governor from office. The situation in the province of Bahia, which bounds Espirito Santo on the north, is also critical. The government of that province has been frequently transferred from one military officer to another, and this has had the effect of alienating the civil officials.

## DOWNFALL NEAR.

### Great Excitement in Guatemala—The President Alarmed.

CITY OF GUATEMALA, Dec. 19.—Great excitement exists in this city. Don Lorenzo Montufar, the candidate for the Presidency, has armed his followers and is preparing to pronounce himself elected.

M. de Montufar is one of the most prominent men in Guatemala, having been Minister to the United States for some time, and has a large following. President Barillas is very much alarmed, and is taking extra precautions for his personal safety. Troops have been stationed at the President's residence and the guard at the National Palace has been doubled. It is thought by many that the Barillas administration is nearing its end.

## Cyrus W. Field at Death's Door.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—David Dudley Field called at the residence of his brother this afternoon. When he was leaving the house he was asked what his brother's condition was. "I was not allowed to see him," he replied. "But from what I was told in the house I believe he is critically ill." "Is he liable to die soon?" Mr. F. was asked. "He is liable to die at any moment," Mr. Field also said that Mrs. Lindley was in about as critical a condition as his brother.

## The Federation of Labor.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 19.—The American Federation of Labor adjourned to meet next year in Philadelphia. The boycott on Milwaukee beer, a resolution was adopted that the struggle for an eight hour day be renewed in 1892, and that some affiliated organization be chosen to make the fight, and an agreement was unanimously adopted in reference to the Knights of Labor, in the form of an address to the working people of America.

## New Railroad in Virginia.

ROANOKE, Va., Dec. 19.—The last spike on the Roanoke and Southern Railroad, between this city and Winston, was driven to-day. Trains will be run on schedule about January 15.

## Specie Exports and Imports.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Exports of specie from New York last week, \$81,000 gold and \$126,203 silver. All the gold and \$9,550 in silver went to South America, and \$116,658 in silver went to Europe. Imports of specie, \$985,963 gold, and \$99,218 silver.

## Death of Rev. Dr. Hinckley.

BARNSTABLE, Mass., Dec. 19.—Rev. Frederick Hinckley, a well-known Unitarian clergyman, died yesterday aged 71. He has served pastorates in Washington, D. C.; Newburgh, N. Y.; Trenton, N. J.; Hartford, Conn., and several Eastern cities.

## \$9,000,000 for the Cherokee Strip.

MUSKOGEE, I. T., Dec. 19.—Word has been received by telephone to-day that the Cherokee Council and the United States commission have agreed upon the sale and purchase of the Cherokee strip for the consideration of \$9,000,000.

## The Weather.

For the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia, warmer; fair, but with increasing cloudiness; nearly stationary temperature; light variable winds; probably warmer, fair Monday.

Thermometer readings yesterday: 8 a.m., 21; 12 m., 39; 3 p.m., 54. Maximum, 47; minimum, 17. Temperature same date last year. Maximum, 42; minimum, 30.

## Football.

Christmas Day game: All-Washington vs. Columbia Athletic Club. Capitol Park at 12 m. Admission, 50 cents.